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REMARKS

In response to the action mailed May 19, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-8, 10, 11, 15, 22-34, 36 and 37), drawn to a liquid crystal with an alignment layer on the seal. The election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 15, 22-34, 36 and 37 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 22 and 29 being independent. Non-elected claims 16, 18, 21 and 35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claims 1, 8, 22 and 29 have been amended so as to add the feature that the orienting film is formed between the sealing member and a substrate, and is in contact with the sealing member. Claims 1-6, 8, 22, 25, 26 and 29 have also been amended to correct minor typographical and format errors. No new matter is introduced.

Enclosed is a \$110 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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